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ABSTRACT

Intended for teachers of grades 4-8, this book presents a method of developing critical thinking skills through fairy tales. The book shows educators how to use popular fairy tales and fairy tale characters to help students develop problem solving abilities, critical thinking skills, and writing proficiency. It gives a multitude of activities, adaptable to virtually any fairy tale in almost any learning environment, challenging students to move beyond the simplistic study of fairy tales to develop in-depth comprehension. The book's chapters cover characterization, perspective, and story creation. The book also provides extensive guidelines for projects--what materials are needed, how long the project will take, and skill levels that are covered. The book gives a variety of warm-up exercises to help students prepare for lengthier projects, which can be modified for a variety of learning levels. Contains a list of 110 fairy tales divided into categories including traditional, contemporary, and multicultural fairy tales and others. (CR)

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